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PALMER STONE WORKS GET AWARD FOR STANLY CO. CONFEDERATE SLAB

Monument to Confederate Braves Now a Reality.

U. D. C. SIGNS CONTRACT

Bronze Statue Infantryman at Parade Rest to Top Base of Hammered Granite.

The announcement on Friday that the committee appointed by the local chapter of U. D. C., which has had the matter of selecting a site and design for the Confederate monument to be erected in Albemarle, had signed a contract for the early construction of the monument brought joy to many hearts.

The monument is to be 18 feet and 2 inches in height. The base and pedestal are to be of choicest granite, which is to be of hammered finish. The base is to be 5 feet square. The monument is to consist of six units, to a height of 11 feet, all capped with a bronze plate 20 inches square, on which is to rest a bronze figure 7 foot high of a Confederate infantryman at parade rest.

The design gives a most pleasing effect, and its architecture is to show straight lines and angles, which seems to be the most approved type. From base to top cap, the granite is to be hammered, giving a mottled effect. "To our Confederate Dead" will stand out in bold relief, and in the lettering space of 30 square inches will be shown a carved wreath showing the year dates of the war 1861-1865. Other inscriptions will be made to order.

The county has donated \$1,000 towards the monument fund, and individuals have made subscriptions amounting to something less than three thousand. The sum to be raised looked so large at one time that nothing but persistent effort on the part of the members of the U. D. C. chapter and the dauntless women who had the work in charge has made the present attainment possible. In this the untiring efforts of Miss Mary Mabry merit special recognition.

Mrs. J. Eugene Ewing is president of the organization, and Mrs. M. J. Harris, Miss Mary Mabry, and Mrs. H. L. Horton have served as a committee to secure funds and to place the contract. After a careful survey of the field, our local firm, Palmer Stone Works, was given preference. This firm will purchase the bronze statue, and before its arrival the concrete foundation will have been laid and the stone work erected. All told, the work will probably be completed within the next 90 days.

This monument whose value approximates \$5,000 will very soon grace a suitable site yet to be definitely decided upon. The one most favored, and which in all probability will be chosen, is on Second street where a park space has already been created. It is in front of the residence of Mayor M. J. Harris. The end of park facing south will probably be used. Later, other monuments or designs may be erected at the central part and the other end.

Back of the undertaking is to be found earnest work on part of many members of the Daughters of the United Confederacy. Their devotion to the work has been beautiful and sacrificing nature, and it is a matter of some gratification that this slab to our Confederate braves is to be erected before all have responded to the last call.

NEW BUILDINGS UNDER WAY

Mr. George W. Melton is erecting a brick building on his property on West Main street, moving his home back sufficiently to accommodate the new business building, which is to be used for auto sales, battery and radio service and supplies. Mr. Melton has taken a new lease on life, it seems. Several months back he took blood infusion, and looked to be near death's door. But of late he is looking the picture of health.

Dr. W. I. Hill's sky scraper is making headway each day. Brick and sand are on the ground, and excavation has been made in readiness for the foundation.

The Yadkin hospital is receiving plumbing and heating roughing in, and Contractor J. D. Harward says by the time the electricians finish their end of the work it will probably be six weeks before the carpenters can get in for their finish. But indications are that this splendid building is to be a finished institution at an early date.

Standard Oil Company Erects New Station

Delmar Shaver In Charge of the Construction.

Mr. J. Delmar Shaver, well known to Albemarle and a former resident, is in charge of a force of hands now engaged in erecting a new service station for the Standard Oil company, on the company's lot near the Southern railway station on north side of Main street. Mr. Shaver has been erecting the first station of the kind installed by the Standard. The station here is to be of the B type, and it is not now known who will occupy it.

"Turning the Trick" Presented by Seniors

A. H. S. Auditorium Packed—All Anxious to See Best Play in History of School.

"Turning the Trick" was the title of the comedy played by the seniors of the Albemarle high school Tuesday night. The interest hung around Patrick Casey, a retired contractor; played by Roy Whitley, and Mary Ann, his wife, played by Miss Ora Mae Hill. Patrick is a fatherly kind of man of 55 interested in his home and family. He had once been a hood carrier and had risen to a successful contractor. He still clung to his old fashioned Irish ideas, while his family, with their money, had gone out for society. His wife was interested in "Ancient Poodle Dogs."

Michael Casey, his son, Vance Huneycutt, was the type of son that craved more allowance—to pay his gambling debts. Kathleen Casey and Maggie Casey, acted by Misses Louise Parker and Edith Widenhouse, respectively. They were much interested in society, and of course, had to have a fashionable dressmaker, so they get Monsieur Armand Francois Boni Aime de Lovier, Miss Creelman Rowland. Miss Rowland had a very hard part to act, and played it to perfection. She deserves much credit for the humor of the play.

George Drake, a friend of the family and engaged to Kathleen, played by Ernest Wheatley, is a very business-like young man, that the old man Casey puts all his faith in.

Michael, in order to get money for his gambling debts, begins to act as a go-between for jewelry smugglers. Jim Dougherty, of the U. S. Treasury Department, Miss Martha Austin, is trying to find the person and after making investigations finally stops at the home of the Caseys.

In the meantime, Casey, who is getting sick of the way his family is acting, decided that he will take dancing lessons and make his family sick and tired of it. He employs Jim as a make-believe dancing instructor, at the same time Jim carries out his investigations. Casey then decides that he will ram the house from then on and takes Eileen, the maid, played by Miss Gertha Marbury, as his wife. Miss Marbury plays her part well.

A new janitor is needed. "Humpy" Steele, Arthur L. Patterson, is hired. He is an old professional crook, who is working with Madam Anna Baiskri—a Bolshevik—Miss Nellie Watson, who is the guest of the Casey family. They having met her at some of their social functions.

The old man Casey closes the doors of the play, and allows no one to leave the place. The family, the guest and the dressmaker get tired of his actions and are soon ready to reconcile.

The son is being suspected in the diamond smuggling. But Eileen took the blame herself. At midnight the janitor goes to steal the diamonds and is shot. They think that he has passed out and leave his body in the house until morning for removal. An hour later he and the Bolshevik steal all the valuables, including the old man's pocketbook and make a get-away.

They have all learned a lesson. The old man takes his wife back. George and Kathleen marry, young Casey takes Eileen—and the old man asks "for corn beef and cabbage."

Upon the whole, it was one of the best pieces of amateur acting we have yet seen. The parts fitted the young people and their acting was both natural and spirited. The play was under the direction of Miss Eunice Wessinger, assisted by George Snuggs and Delmar Turner. They should be given a great deal of credit for the success of the play, for without them, it could not have been put across.

Lions Go In Body to Winston-Salem

The local Lions club received an urgent invitation to attend the luncheon to be given in Winston-Salem yesterday evening at the Robert E. Lee hotel. After enjoying an hour of feast and good fellowship the entire gathering from Albemarle, Charlotte, Greensboro, and other points were scheduled to attend the Billy Sunday meetings in a body.

Those attending from Albemarle were:

E. P. Brunson, E. G. Carmichael, W. J. Cotton, C. W. Gaddy, D. B. Green, Roger Little, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Henning, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Laudeman, Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Lentz, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Patterson, Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Pickens, Mr. and Mrs. D. Riff, Dr. and Mrs. B. T. Tally, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Wolfe, L. S. Whitworth, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wolf.

Home Coming Day at Silver Springs Church.

Home coming day will be observed at Silver Springs Baptist church Sunday, May 17. Service will be held at 11 a. m. and again in the afternoon.

Senior Class Albemarle High School—1925.



First row: Nellie Watson, Edith Widenhouse, treasurer; Martha Austin, secretary; Louise Parker, Creelman Rowland. Second row: Essie Lowder, Pauline Ingram, Ethel Coble, Ora Mae Hill, Gertha Marbury, Nellie Lowder. Third row: Dolletta Bost, Gladys Ingram, Willie Forrest, vice-president; Miss Wessinger, class teacher; Nora Burleson. Fourth row: Ernest Wheatley, Arthur Patterson, Delmar Turner, Vance Huneycutt, Eldridge Eudy, Max Casper. Fifth row: Roy Whitley, George Snuggs, president; Virgil Whitley, Jack Skidmore, Hubert Smith.

John Coley Drowned At Old Whitney Dam

Boat Was Capsized While He Was Fishing—Body Yet Under Water.

Mr. John F. Coley was carried through the spillway at the old Whitney dam on Yadkin river, yesterday about noon. He had been fishing, and his boat was thought to have been caught in the current which flows through the spillway. At least, that is the point at which he was last seen, and none knows just how the accident occurred.

It is thought that he was suddenly hurled against some of the masonry of the dam or stunned by impact with some hard object and did not have power to fight against the current.

Searching parties from Badin and New London are searching the river for signs of the body; but at time we go to press, his body has been undiscovered.

Mr. Coley lived between New London and the Isehour brick yard. He was a man of about 57 years of age, and is survived by a wife and several children. Mrs. Coley is a sister of our townsman Rowan Hinson, and is a daughter of the late Jeremiah Hinson.

Boyet Apartments Now Being Occupied

The completion of the J. M. Boyett apartment buildings places most elegant residential quarters at command of those who desire to rent.

The twin buildings front one on South and the other on Third streets. Each floor has two separate apartments of six rooms, excepting the first, which have only four. The rooms are of pleasing dimensions, equipped with heat, lights, and toilet conveniences.

Mr. Harris, manager of the A. and P. company's store at this place, has already moved into one of the apartments, and Mr. Boyett says he is entertaining applicants from several prospective parties.

The buildings are elegantly finished, and their beauty and convenience are so far above the average building that is for rent, it is to be assumed that within a few days the entire twelve apartments will be occupied.

Mr. Boyett has a sense of the need of Albemarle for just such a building, and caught the vision of inducing many families to come to Albemarle and make it their home. He has builded well, and Albemarle looks with pride upon this addition to its rental residence property.

Auto Laundry Here

The Boys Do a Quick Job While You Wait and Do It Nicely.

Another break from the established order of things has just become manifest just to rear of the Albemarle Service Station.

Mr. A. D. Caudle has erected a nice concrete block building, and his two sons, Shellie and Tom, have taken stock in the new enterprise. Electric machinery has been installed, compressed air equipment, and water conveniences. The boys take hold of a car, thoroughly rid it of all dust, and then get to work. Just in a few minutes—in fact, while the auto owner waits, they have really laundered the car from start to finish.

The machinery is of the Perfection stamp, and the young men do all for the car that could be expected in a really short time. A little quicker, and a little better than the other's best is the policy of the Perfection Auto Laundry.

This new enterprise brings to Al-

Local Boys Get On U. N. C. Ball Team

Boyd Hatley and Robert Sides Are Making Good At Chapel Hill.

Friends of Boyd Hatley will be glad to learn with interest his "capture" of the left field position on the University of North Carolina's baseball team. This is not only an honor for Hatley but Albemarle also; as not every city in the state has a representative on this team.

Hatley has always been a "natural born ball player." In high school he was the leading player. Leaving the Albemarle high school with the class of '23, he entered the university and has been steadily plugging away until he has reached the position.

Hatley has been hitting excellently. In the game played with N. C. State Monday, which they lost, he batted 750. The Greensboro News says: "Hatley, with two singles and a double and a walk, led the hitting for both teams."

Boyd is not only making good in athletics but his work also. He is making excellent grades in all his work, according to reports from one of his professors.

Robert Sides, another Albemarle boy, is also making the team. He was recently elected as one of the officers of his class. Friends of these boys wish them continued success in their work.

Class of Seven Girls Will Get Diplomas

Albemarle Normal Closes Year With a Week of School Finals.

On Monday evening, May 18, the Albemarle Normal and Industrial Institute will close the 31st year of its work when its commencement exercises are held in the auditorium of the city graded school at 8 o'clock.

The address to the graduates will be delivered by Rev. Robert Arrowsood, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, Concord.

Seven young ladies will receive diplomas at this time, these being Misses Juanita Caldwell, Evangeline Carr, Margaret Dry, Alma Graham, Rebecca Hall, Rebecca Heriot, and Floride Sullivan.

Beginning on Friday at 4 p. m. and continuing through Monday, the pupils of the Home Economics department will have an exhibit of the work they have done in cooking, sewing, basketry, etc.

The graduating class will give their class day exercises on the front campus, Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

Two church services are features, Sunday, both being held in the First Presbyterian church.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. D. B. Green will preach the annual Christian Endeavor sermon, while in the evening at 8 o'clock, the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. Anderson, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Badin.

Special music for both of these services will be furnished by the choruses of Albemarle Normal and Industrial Institute.

WOODMEN TO GIVE BOX SUPPER AT ALMOND HALL

The local order of Modern Woodmen of America have arranged to give a box supper next Saturday evening, in Almond hall. There will be plenty of refreshments, and good music by the string band. Everyone cordially invited to attend. A good time is promised to all.

Albemarle another step forward and offers one more great convenience to autoists.

Albemarle Chinaman May Be Mentally Off

Well Known Laundryman Becomes Obnoxious and Is Thought to be Insane.

Sing Lee, alias Lem Shing, who has been plying his trade of laundryman in our midst for several years, was up before Judge R. R. Ingram, in the recorder's court, on Monday under charge of trespass. Judgment has been suspended until suitable examination can be made as to the Chinaman's mental condition. In the meantime he is being held in jail.

The immediate offense and cause of his incarceration occurred on Sunday night, when he was found prowling around the residence of Mr. Carl Helms and thumping on windows. He had been ordered to stay away from the Helms residence on other occasions, and just a few days before, Mr. Helms assaulted Sing Lee, beating him about the face right muck.

The recent tong war which brought members of the different gangs of guilds into warfare against each other, and causing many deaths, is thought to have mentally unbalanced the Albemarle Chinaman, who seemed to stand in constant dread of impending danger. He sought the friendship of members of all the different churches of the place, and appealed to them for protection. He attended the different churches, gave liberally to different causes, and much sympathy was felt for him. Up to that time he had been inoffensive, and many favors were extended him. Lem's freakishness began some months ago when for some cause he changed his name from Lem Shing to Sing Lee, evidently thinking by this to appease one element of the tongs. This would have passed but for the fact that he held limply and persistently on to friendship from any source extended, and made himself a perfect bore to otherwise disinterested and business people of our town who had little time or patience to nurse him through a collapsed stage of mental affliction.

He seemed to think that every home and every place of business among those who had extended him any sort of courtesies were open to him at all times and all hours for ingress and egress. His many contributions to churches, classes and societies, in small bits and sent by letter and carrier and taken by himself at all sorts of intervals were the innocent means of bringing about the very state of affairs that led to his arrest. In fact, some thoughtless persons have attempted to read into Lem's behavior a sinister design and give to it all a significance that has not at any time existed.

Our people are really sorry for the Chinaman. It is bad that he must be incarcerated during the determination as to his mental condition. But his utter lack of all sense of propriety and his growing fractiousness, coupled with his neglect of business and discourtesy to his own customers, all make it necessary to give him the best treatment possible under circumstances, but to keep him confined.

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The Florida Boom

Mr. E. L. Hearne Tells of Real Estate Propaganda.

Mr. E. L. Hearne spent last week in Florida, and since it was like returning to his old home after an absence of many years, he was peculiarly interested in the way that state is growing by leaps and bounds.

But our townsman is inclined to the belief that the growth is like that of other booming sections, and the man with money to turn loose would do well to understand what he is getting for it before he turns it loose. Real estate men are putting out heavy propaganda, and it is apparent that they are anxious to turn loose their holdings whenever they get a bidder. Not every reported sale is a sale. For instance, a man takes option on a piece of property for a specified time and amount. This is reported as a sale. At the close of the option, if sold, it is again reported as a sale. But if option is forfeited, nothing is said of the default.

Mr. Hearne is not pessimistic nor would he be listed as a knacker of the fast development of Florida; but, like many others, he sees in the Florida craze a tendency on the part of many to foolishly pull up stakes and go because of the noise that is being made rather than upon same and careful investigation. While many are making money, it is the fellow who is to stay by the investment in its later growth who should worry.

Dr. Lewis Well Pleased With Albemarle Outlook

Richmond Pharmacist Locates In Our Midst—Thinks Local Field a Good One.

Dr. Frank W. Lewis, a pharmacist, of Richmond, Va., has become general manager of Hall's Pharmacy, since the recent resignation of Mr. Binford. Dr. Lewis took charge of the work on May 1, and after making a careful study of the field and its prospects he says he is well pleased with Albemarle, and feels sure that he will like it.

In speaking of the Yadkin hospital, Dr. Lewis says it is ideally located, and will mean much to this entire section when it is completed and under operation. He has had much experience with hospital service, and is loud in his praises of the Yadkin building which is to be pushed to completion as early as possible.

He seems to be a live wire, and his association with the local business is destined to bear results.

REVIVAL MEETINGS AT FIRST STREET CHURCH

Rev. J. E. McSwaine is preaching some strong evangelistic sermons at First Street Methodist church, with evening services at 7:30 o'clock. The meetings will continue throughout the week and probably longer, and the pastor, Rev. R. A. Swearingen, extends a cordial welcome to all and an invitation to join in the services.

Mr. A. J. Heilig Died At Norwood Thurs.

Was Engineer On Yadkin Railroad Many Years.

Norwood, May 12.—A. J. Heilig, for many years an engineer on Yadkin railroad, died at his home here last Thursday at 3:30 a. m. He had been suffering from leakage of the heart. The deceased was a member of the Baptist church, having joined in Salisbury at an early age. He came to this town with the first train entering the country, namely the Yadkin railway, and has lived here most of the time since.

He married Miss Annie Turner in 1899. Surviving him are his wife and four children—Annie Preston Heilig, teacher in the Winston graded school; James Heilig, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Misses Minerva, student at N. C. C. W., Sarah Bell, Norwood.

Among those who attended the funeral were Messrs. Ed and Frank Heilig and families, of Salisbury; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Turner, Winston; Mrs. G. M. Hearne and H. M. Turner, Troy.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our appreciation for the many kindnesses extended to us by our friends and neighbors during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father who will always be remembered most kindly.—Mrs. A. J. Heilig and family.

Wiscassett-Efrid School Had Interesting Finals

Closes Year of Fine Work Under Superintendent O. D. Ritchie.

The Wiscassett-Efrid graded schools closed the year's work with very interesting commencement exercises on Thursday evening of last week, and the large crowd assembled shows the interest manifested in the work of this school.

The program opened with a song by the class, "Don't talk if you have nothing to say," and throughout the program until the 33d number a song of Good Night was rendered, the audience enjoyed each declamation, recitation, dialog and play in turn. The rendition of several very exacting numbers showed what patience and care the children have been trained in their work.

Some of the best features of the evening were, "A Small Boy's Troubles," "Hardboiled Harry," "The Deaf Grandmother," "When Lucindy Goes to Town," "Husband Hunters," "Things That Explain Themselves," written by Prof. O. D. Ritchie; and "Wimmen," a monolog delivered by Mr. John Clayton, an eighth grade student.

The children returned to school Friday morning for the purpose of securing their promotion cards, certificates of perfect attendance and other belongings.

The attendance for the Efrid school has been exceptionally well this year. A large number of certificates indicating perfect attendance were given to pupils in every grade.

Eighteen certificates of promotion to high school were given to students of the seventh grade.

These schools are under management of the two mills whose names are hyphenated, and Prof. O. D. Ritchie is superintendent. The quiet work and influences of this school are of the highest type, and it is largely due to Professor Ritchie and the fine faculty he engages that this is so largely true.

It is one of the institutions of the county and town which reflects credit in a way to call forth a spirit of pride.

Washington Camp at Badin Gives Banquet

Badin, N. C., May 12.—With the opening strains of the National Anthem the banquet of the Patriotic Order Sons of America opened with a bang. After every one had eaten all of the fried chicken, stewed chicken and was talking to his "chicken" some one discovered one of our former townsmen, Mr. H. H. Horton, who made an excellent talk on the tenets of the order.

Dr. A. J. Thompson gave a good talk, outlining in brief the love of our country and flag. After the cigars were lighted and the ice cream had disappeared, Mr. I. T. Speaks, state president, addressed the assembly and explained the things that the order stands for and foster. Mr. W. F. Curran, financial secretary, made a good talk on "Financial Accomplishments." The president, Mr. C. M. Crowell, made the address of welcome and by the way the state president informed us that due to the excellent work of the Badin camp, we were to be honored with having one of our members elected to a state office. The excellent music was furnished by the Happy Ramblers of Albemarle, and the boys played everything that the people asked for and the requests were many.

Isn't This the Truth.

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. But people have shown that they will pay with a degree of cheerfulness whatever taxes are necessary for economical administration of public business. What arouses them is to be asked to pay high taxes to support superfluous officeholders and to carry on government extravagantly.—Kansas City Times.